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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This report was prepared by the Planning Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs on behalf of the Town of Elk Point. The general purpose of the report is to present selected statistical data generated from the 1986 Elk Point municipal census. The census was conducted during the last week of May, 1986. All information, however, was collected effective as of June 1st, 1986. Some additional data and information derived from previous Municipal, Provincial and Federal censuses, were included in order to provide several basic statistical comparisons.

The Planning Branch has prepared annual detailed Census Reports for the Town of Elk Point since 1984. Any inquiries with respect to the information contained herein or regarding further data analysis, should be directed to the Lakeland Planning Unit, Alberta Municipal Affairs, telephone 427-2995.

1.2 Format

The data contained in this report are presented within a series of tables and figures under the basic topics of population, housing and employment characteristics. General data analysis and an overview of significant trends supplements the statistical presentation.

Unless otherwise specified, actual percentages were calculated based on the number of responses to each census question. A copy of the census questionnaire can be found in Appendix A.

2.0 POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 Population Growth

The population of Elk Point increased to 1300 people in 1987 from 1289 people in 1986. This represents a slight population increase of approximately .9 percent over a one-year period.

In order to provide an indication of historical population growth rates in the community, Table 1 identifies the Town's recorded population between the years 1951 and 1986 based on the 5-year Federal Census figures.

The first municipal census for Elk Point was conducted in 1978. Between the years 1978 and 1987, the Town's population has increased at an average of about 3.5 percent annually. The most significant increases occurred between the years 1978 to 1979 and 1983 to 1986. The annual population figures, as well as the percentage increases between all municipal censuses conducted since 1978 are listed in Table 2 and shown graphically in Figure No. 1.

TABLE 1

HISTORICAL FEDERAL CENSUS POPULATION FIGURES FOR ELK POINT

Year	Population	% increase over 5 year period
1951	453	-
1956	594	23.7%
1961	692	14.2%
1966	726	4.7%
1971	729	.4%
1976	807	9.7%
1981	1022	21.0%
1986	1318	29.0%

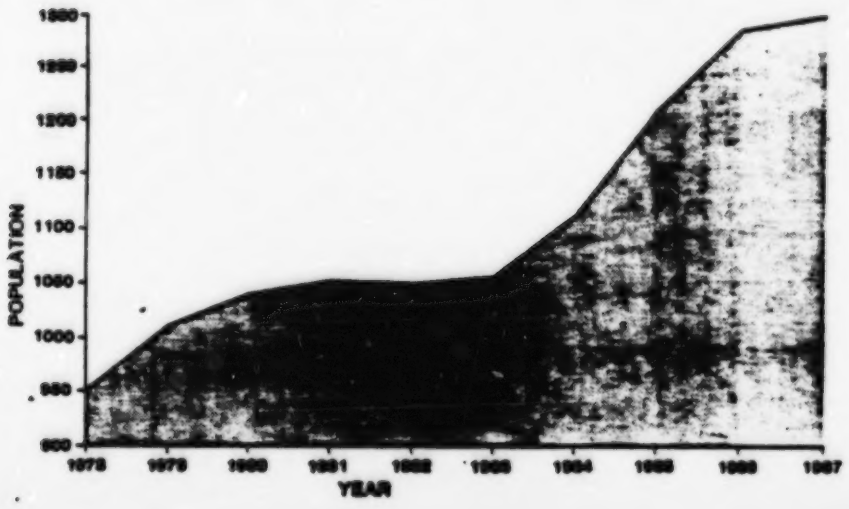
TABLE 2

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL CENSUS FIGURES FOR ELK POINT

Year	Population	% increase over previous year
1978	952	-
1979	1012	6.3%
1980	1041	2.8%
1981	1053	1.1%
1982	1051	0%
1983	1057	.6%
1984	1113	5.0%
1985	1208	8.5%
1986	1289	6.7%
1987	1300	.9%

FIGURE NO. 1

ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH SINCE 1978



2.2 Age and Sex Composition

A community population profile based on five-year age groupings according to sex is provided in Table 3. The proportion of persons 65 years and over has been declining gradually from about 22.4 percent in 1984 to 20.1 percent in 1987.

TABLE 3

POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY FIVE-YEAR AGE GROUP

Age Group	% Male	% Female	Total %
0-4 years	5.2%	4.9%	10.2%
5-9 "	4.6%	3.2%	7.8%
10-14 "	3.0%	2.6%	5.6%
15-19 "	3.8%	2.5%	6.3%
20-24 "	4.6%	4.5%	9.2%
25-29 "	5.3%	4.7%	10.0%
30-34 "	4.3%	3.2%	7.5%
35-39 "	2.5%	3.3%	5.8%
40-44 "	2.4%	2.1%	4.5%
45-49 "	1.6%	1.5%	3.1%
50-54 "	2.2%	1.8%	4.0%
55-59 "	1.8%	1.2%	3.0%
60-64 "	1.1%	1.9%	3.0%
65 and over	8.8%	11.3%	20.1%
TOTAL	51.2%	48.8%	100.0%

Figure No. 2 illustrates the Town's 1987 demographic profile in comparison to that of Alberta's based on the 1986 census results. The percentage of people within each age group for Elk Point, as well as the Province is provided in Table 4. The age distribution in Elk Point is significantly different than the Provincial average. Elk Point is characterized by having nearly 2.5 times the proportion of its residents 65 years or older as compared to the population average for Alberta. On the other hand, there is a slightly greater proportion of children under the age of five years in Elk Point as compared to the Province as a whole. Since 1984, the 25-44 year age group experienced the greatest proportionate increase, however, it still is significantly less than the Provincial average.

FIGURE 2

POPULATION PYRAMID COMPARISON

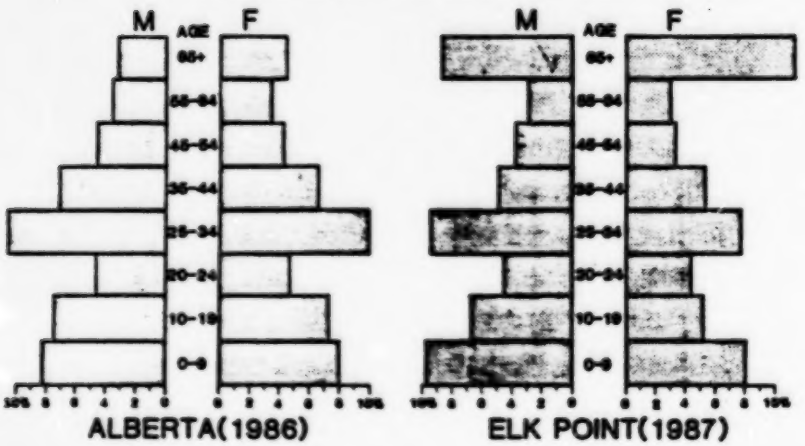


TABLE 4

PROVINCIAL POPULATION COMPARISON

Age Group	1987 Elk Point	Change Since 1984	1986 % Alberta
0-4 years	10.2%	+ 2.2%	8.7%
5-14 "	13.4%	- .2%	15.1%
15-19 "	6.3%	- 1.2%	7.7%
20-24 "	9.2%	- 0.2%	9.5%
25-44 "	27.8%	+ 4.3%	34.4%
45-64 "	13.1%	- 2.5%	16.5%
65 and over	20.1%	- 2.3%	8.2%
Total	100.0%		100.0%

2.3 Migration

The influx of newcomers into Elk Point appears to be declining according to the 1987 Census. Compared to 1985 data, there was about an 11.0 percent decrease with respect to the proportion of respondents who indicated that they have lived in the community for less than a one-year period. The most significant change in terms of length of residence patterns occurred among those who have lived in Town for at least two years, but less than five years. There was about a nine percent increase among these respondents as compared to data from 1985. This trend indicates that the population appears to be stabilizing and less newcomers are moving into the community. A breakdown based on the length of time residents have lived in Elk Point is shown in Table 5.

An indication of the former place of residence is provided in Table 6. Approximately 42 percent of Elk Point's population has originated from the Town or County of St. Paul.

TABLE 5

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ELK POINT

Length of Time	Percentage of Residents 1985	1986	1987
Less than 6 months	10.1%	6.2%	6.4%
6 months to less than 1 year	8.3%	13.8%	4.6%
1 year to less than 2 years	9.8%	12.6%	14.2%
2 years to less than 5 years	14.6%	14.1%	23.2%
5 years to less than 10 years	16.1%	16.2%	16.6%
10 or more years	41.0%	37.0%	34.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

TABLE 6

PREVIOUS PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Location	Percentage
Always lived in Elk Point	11.3%
County of St. Paul	30.3%
Edmonton	8.5%
Lloydminster	4.5%
Calgary	3.3%
St. Paul	3.4%
Other municipality in Alberta	30.9%
Another Province	7.4%
Outside of Canada	.4%
Total	100.0%

3.0 HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Housing Stock

The Town's housing mix is shifting from a single-family dwelling orientation towards multiple-family housing. Since 1984, the proportion of Elk Point's housing stock consisting of apartment units has more than doubled from 9.9 percent to 20.6 percent, while the percentage of single family dwellings has decreased by ten percent. An inventory of the existing housing stock in Elk Point is provided in Table 7.

TABLE 7

BREAKDOWN OF EXISTING DWELLING TYPES

Dwelling Type	Number	Percentage
Single Detached Homes	422	67.9%
Basement Suites	2	.3%
Quad-Triplex	17	2.6%
Row or Townhouses	4	.6%
Apartments	134	20.6%
Business suite	2	.3%
Mobile Homes	48	7.4%
Collective Dwellings	2	.3%
Totals	631	100.0%

3.2 Housing Occupancy

The community's housing occupancy picture has varied considerably since 1984. During the years 1984 and 1985, the vacancy rate among all residential units was 3.6 and 4.0 percent respectively. According to the census results, the vacancy rate more than quadrupled to its peak rate of 17.4 percent in 1986. In the past year, however, the vacancy rate dropped slightly to 16.4 percent. About 51.6 percent of the apartment units in Elk Point were vacant when the 1986 census was conducted as compared to zero percent in 1985. This apartment vacancy further decreased to 49.3 percent in 1987. Table 8 provides an indication of the occupancy frequency for all dwelling types during the 1987 enumeration period. A comparison of the vacancy rates between the years 1984 and 1987, according to dwelling type, is shown in Table 9.

TABLE 8

DWELLING OCCUPANCY STATUS - 1987*

Dwelling Type	Under Construction	Number Occupied	Number Vacant	Total Units	Percent Vacant
Single Detached	1	383	28	422	6.6%
Townhouse or Quad/Triplex	0	17	4	21	19.1%
Apartments	0	68	66	134	49.3%
Mobile Homes	0	43	5	48	10.4%
Other	0	4	0	4	.0%
Totals	1	525	103	629	16.4%

*Excluding collective dwellings.

TABLE 9

DWELLING VACANCY RATE COMPARISON

Dwelling Type	Percentage of Units Vacant 1984	1985	1986	1987
Single Detached	3.4%	4.4%	7.8%	6.6%
Apartments, Quad/Triplex	.0%	.0%	53.9%	45.2%
Mobile Homes	5.0%	11.1%	13.0%	10.4%
Totals	3.6%	4.0%	17.4%	16.4%

3.3 Average Household Size

The average household size and number of residents according to dwelling type are identified in Table 10. Elk Point's average household size of 2.4 people (excluding collective dwellings) has basically remained unchanged since 1984.

A breakdown of the number of occupants based on household sizes in Elk Point is provided in Table 11. According to this Table, approximately 31 percent of the community's residents live alone.

Table 12 shows a four-year comparison between the percentage of owner-occupied and rented accommodation within Elk Point. The proportion of owner-occupied accommodation has varied from 64 percent to 68 percent since 1984. The drop in the proportion of owner-occupied accommodation was primarily caused by the significant number of apartment units that were constructed in the community since 1984.

TABLE 10

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND POPULATION BY DWELLING TYPE

Dwelling Type	No. of People	Percentage	Average Occupied Household Size
Single Detached	1001	77.0%	2.6
Basement Suites	3	.2%	1.5
Quad-Triplex Units	30	2.3%	1.8
Row/Townhouses	0	.0%	.0
Apartment Units	98	7.5%	1.4
Business Suites	3	.2%	1.5
Mobile Homes	131	10.0%	3.1
Collective Dwellings	32	2.5%	16.0
Total	1300	100%	2.4*

*Excludes collective dwellings.

TABLE 11

BREAKDOWN OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS PER HOUSEHOLD

Number of People Per Household	Total Number of Occupied Dwelling Units	Percentage
One person	165	30.9%
Two persons	172	32.8%
Three persons	63	11.8%
Four persons	74	14.1%
Five persons	40	7.6%
Six or more persons	14	2.7%
Total	528	100.0%

TABLE 12

TENANCY STATUS

Ownership Status	Percentage of Residents			
	1984	1985	1986	1987
Owned accommodation	68.0%	64%	68.3%	66.7%
Rented accommodation	32.0%	36%	31.7%	33.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4.0 EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

For the purposes of this section, "employment" means anyone who works for wages, tips, salaries or commissions. Employees can also own their own business or farm. "Full-time" employment is defined as work consisting of 30 or more hours per week. The term "labour force" means the total number of full and part-time employees, as well as unemployed persons who are seeking work.

4.1 Employment Status

The employment status of the Town's residents is listed in Table 13. The Town's labour force, at the time of census, had an unemployment rate of approximately 5.6 percent. This represents a respectable decrease from the 8.0 percent unemployment rate that was recorded in 1986.

TABLE 13

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Status	Number	Percentage
Full-time	443	34.1%
Part-time	67	5.2%
Homemaker	99	7.6%
Unemployed, seeking work	30	2.3%
Student or pre-school	378	29.1%
Retired	281	21.6%
Other	2	.2%
Total	1300	100%

4.2 Employment Location

Table 14 identifies the work place location for both part-time and full-time employees who reside in the Town of Elk Point. The proportion of the Town's employed labour force that works in Elk Point or the County of St. Paul increased from 79.7 percent in 1984 to slightly more than 90 percent in 1987.

TABLE 14

PLACE OF WORK FOR LABOUR FORCE

Location	Percentage
Elk Point	69.4%
County of St. Paul	21.0%
Town of St. Paul	4.7%
Lloydminster	1.6%
Other	3.4%
Total	100.0%

4.3 Employment by Industry Type

The major sources of employment for both part-time and full-time employees in Elk Point are identified in Table 15. The oil and mining industrial category accounted for the most significant increase in terms of new employment opportunities. The percentage of employees in this economic activity increased from about 23.2 percent in 1984 to 34.3 percent in 1987. Figure No. 3 graphically illustrates the proportion of employees within each economic and industrial category.

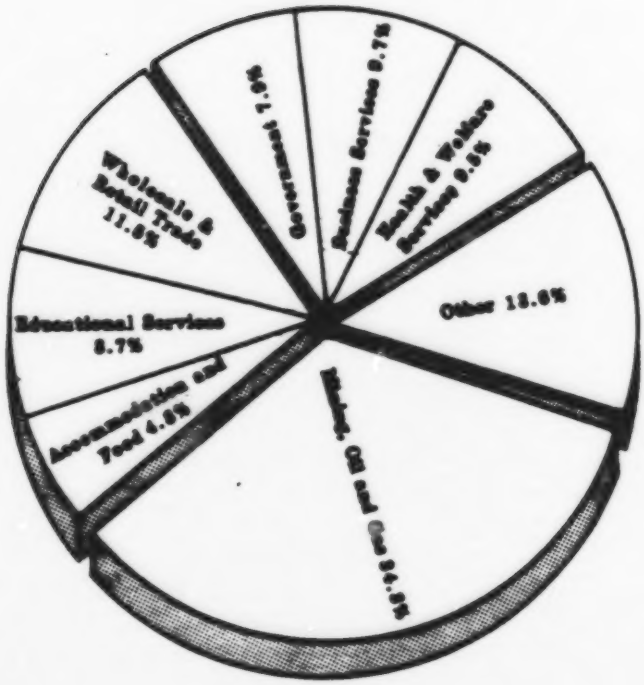
TABLE 15

EMPLOYMENT BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Economic Activity	Percentage of Employed Labour Force			
	1984	1985	1986	1987
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.2%	2.9%	3.2%	3.6%
Mining, Oil and Gas	23.2%	30.1%	34.4%	34.3%
Manufacturing	3.0%	2.5%	1.0%	2.2%
Construction	4.4%	4.9%	2.6%	3.8%
Transportation, Communications and Utilities	4.4%	2.5%	2.4%	1.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.8%	7.1%	10.8%	11.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	4.7%	2.0%	4.8%	3.0%
Educational Services	11.6%	9.2%	9.3%	8.9%
Health and Welfare Services	11.3%	11.7%	8.5%	9.5%
Accommodation and Food	4.7%	8.2%	6.9%	4.8%
Business Services	7.6%	12.1%	5.7%	9.7%
Government	9.1%	6.7%	8.7%	7.9%
Other	.0%	.0%	1.6%	.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

FIGURE NO. 3

LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN



MUNICIPAL CENSUS

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY _____ CENSUS DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ APT. NO. _____

MUNICIP. CODE (1 2 3)

FORM NO. (4 5 6 7 8 9)

ENUMERATION AREA (10 11 12)

DWELLING TYPE
01) SINGLE DETACHED
02) SUITE IN SINGLE DETACHED
04) DUPLEX UNIT
05) QUADRUPLEX/TRIPLEX
06) ROW/TOWN HOUSE
07) APARTMENT
08) SINGLE DWELLING ATTACHED TO A NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE
09) MOBILE HOME
10) OTHER MOVABLE DWELLING
11) COLLECTIVE DWELLING
(33 34)

DWELLING IS 1) OCCUPIED 2) VACANT 3) UNDER CONSTRUCTION _____ (35)

1. IS THIS DWELLING UNIT 1) OWNED OR BEING BOUGHT BY A MEMBER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD OR
2) RENTED EVEN IF NO CASH IS BEING PAID ? _____ (36)

(37)

3. HOW MANY USUAL RESIDENTS DOES /DID THIS DWELLING CONTAIN ON _____ CENSUS DATE ? _____ (38 39 40)

APPENDIX

NUMBER	4. NAME OF RESIDENT	5.	6. Sex	7. DATE OF BIRTH Year	Month	8.	9.	10. Yrs at res.	12. PREVIOUS RESIDENCE Specify	13. Emp. status	Industry	15. EMPLOYMENT LOCATION Specify
01		0		0		0	0	0				
02		0		0		0	0	0				
03		0		0		0	0	0				
04		0		0		0	0	0				
05		0		0		0	0	0				
06		0		0		0	0	0				
07		0		0		0	0	0				
08		0		0		0	0	0				
09		0		0		0	0	0				
10		0		0		0	0	0				
		31	32	33		34	35	36	37 38 39 40 41 42 43	44 45	46 47	48 49 50 51 52 53 54	55 56 57

6. SEX
1. Male
2. Female

8. DATE OF BIRTH
01 Jan 04 Apr 07 Jul 10 Oct
02 Feb 05 May 08 Aug 11 Nov
03 Mar 06 Jun 09 Sep 12 Dec

11. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THIS MUNICIPALITY
1. Less than 6 months
2. 6 months to less than 1 year
3. 1 year to less than 2 years
4. 2 years to less than 5 years
5. 5 years to less than 10 years
6. 10 or more years

12. PREVIOUS RESIDENCE

1. Another municip. in Alta.	Municip. name	Municip. code
2. Another prov. in Canada	Prov. name	Prov. code
3. Outside Canada	NA	999
9 NA (always treat here)	NA	999

13. EMPLOYMENT STATUS (persons 15 yrs of age or older)
1. Employed full-time
2. Employed part-time
3. Homemaker
4. Unemployed, seeking work
5. Permanently unable to work
6. Retired
7. Student
8. Other
9. NA (under 15 yrs of age)

14. TYPE OF INDUSTRY
01. Agriculture
02. Forestry/Fishing/Trapping
03. Mining/Quarrying/Oil/Gas
04. Manufacturing
05. Construction
06. Transportation
07. Communication/Utilities
08. Trade (Wholesale)
09. Trade (Retail)
10. Finance/Insurance/Real Estate
11. Business Service
12. Government
13. Education
14. Health/Social Services
15. Accommodation/Food
16. Other
99. Not Applicable

15. EMPLOYMENT LOCATION

1. At own res.	NA	999
2. In this municip. (not own res.)	NA	999
3. Another Municip. in Alta.	Municip. name	Municip. code
4. No usual place	NA	999
5. Outside of Alta.	NA	999
9. Not applicable	NA	999